MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Subarnarekha is the only inter-State multipurpose irrigation project under execution which provides benefits to Orissa.

(b) and (c) The target date of completion of the above project is 1994.95. An expenditure of Rs. 44.68 crores (anticipated) has been incurred by Orissa upto March 1987, against the latest estimated cost of Rs. 391.49 crores relating to Orissa.

Ordnance Factory for Rehabilitation of Persons Displaced by National Test Range

1270. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of people who would be displaced from Baliapal in Balasore district of Orissa due to establishment of the National Test Range;

(b) whether Government propose to set up an ordnance factory, a vehicle or gun manufacturing unit near this locality to provide district employment to at least 2000 people as a measure of rehabilitation for this project;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) It is estimated that about 41000 persons (about 6500 families) would have to be displaced from Baliapal/Bhograi regions of Balasore District of Orissa due to establishment of National Test Range.

(b) At present, there is no such proposal, under the consideration of the Government.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Government of Orissa is setting up a number of industrial projects and self employment schemes where the displaced persons would be offered gainful employment on the basis of their education/past experience etc.

Exemption of Duty on Electronic Components

1271. SHRI YALLA SESU BHUSHANA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of production of indigenous electronic components is higher as compared to the international prices; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to completely exempt the duty on raw materials and capital goods to bring down the prices of indigenous electronic components to a reasonable level ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, the duty on raw materials was brought down to 30% and on processed raw materials and piece parts to 45% in June, 1986 and further rationalised in February, 1987 in order to reduce the input costs of the electronic components industry. In addition, this industry enjoys a concessional import duty of 30 percent on project imports, 60 percent for equipment for balancing/modernisation and 60 percent on moulds, tools and dies. The cost of indigenous components is nevertheless higher because of the higher cost of indigenous raw material like copper, steel, plastics, chemicals etc. and the higher rates of interest for finance.

Expenditure on Teesta Barrage Project

1272. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred so far on the Teesta Barrage Project in West Bengal;

(b) what is the amount so far provided by Central Government for this project at the end of March, 1987;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide more financial assistance to the State Government for this project;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The total expenditure incurred on Teesta Barrage Project in West Bengal upto end of March, 1987 is Rs. 243.19 crores and the anticipated expenditure on the project during 1987-88 is Rs. 30 crores.

(b) Central assistance is given to the States in the form of block loan/grant and is not tied to any sector of development or any individual project. However, a special Central assistance of Rs. 5.00 crores during 1983-84 and an advance Plan assistance of Rs. 15.00 crores during 1986-87 was provided to Teesta Barrage Project.

(c) to (e) No such proposal has so far been received from the State Government during 1987-88.

West Bengal request for Financial Assistance for Teesta Barrage Project

1273. DR. R. K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal have demanded atleast 30 per cent financial assistance from the Central Government for Teesta Barrage Project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response of the Central Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) There was a request from the Government of West Bengal for additional Central assistance in 1983 of Rs. 20 crores for the year 1983-84 and in 1985 of Rs. 96 crores for the Seventh Plan period for the Teesta Barrage Project.

(c) Special Central assistance of Rs. 5 crores for the year 1983-84 and advance plan assistance of Rs. 15 crores for the year 1986-87 were provided for this project.

भारतीय मूल के अधिसंख्यक लोगों वाले देशों के साथ संबंध

1274. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :**
श्री राम चन्द्र विकल :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार उन बाहरी देशों के साथ जहां अधिकांशत: भारतीय मूल के व्यक्ति बड़ी संख्या में हैं जिनके भारत के साथ पुरातन सांस्कृतिक, भाषाई और परम्परागत संबंध हैं, संबंधों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) क्या इन देशों में स्थित भारत के दूतावासों तथा वाणिज्य दूतावासों में राजभाषा का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है तथा सांस्कृतिक और परम्परागत संबंधों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किस भाषा का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्ड फलेरियो): (क) विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशन विदेशों में रहने वाले भारतीय मूल के व्यक्तियों के साथ सम्पर्क बनाए रखेंगे और उन्हें विकसित करेंगे तथा उन लोगों को हर संभव सहायता देंगे ताकि वे भारत के साथ अपने सांस्कृतिक और परम्परागत सम्पर्कों को मजबूत कर सकें जो कि भारत और संबद्ध आतिथेय देश के बीच सद्भाव के सेतु के रूप में काम कर सकता है। जिन देशों में भारतीय मूल के लोग काफी बड़ी संख्या में रहते हैं, वहां सरकार ने कई सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र भी खोले हैं तथा उनके लिए छात्रवृत्तियां दी हैं । विदेश स्थित सांस्कृतिक-केन्द्रों के